1	2	3
33.	Daman & Diu	7.5
34.	Lakshadweep	10.6
35.	Pondicherry	132.3
	TOTAL:	41196.7

Meeting of Labour Ministers

574. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are calling a meeting of all the State Labour Ministers for the implementation of the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996; and

(b) whether it is not mandatory for the State Governments to implement these Central Acts and to frame rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 (Main Act) and the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 extend to the whole of India. However, Section 63 of the Main Act provides that nothing contained in this Act shall affect the operation of any corresponding law in a State providing welfare schemes which are more beneficial to the building and other construction workers than those provided under the Act. The power to frame rules under the Main Act lies with the appropriate Government.

Launching of Khetihar Mazdoor Bima Yojana

575. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a social security cover namely Khetihar Mazdoor Bima Yojana for the landless agricultural workers has been launched; and